

Campground, Road and Trail CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY
OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District:

- A. Being on a Trail.** For the purposes of this order it is prohibited to be on the Entiat River Trail #1400 from the Cottonwood/Entiat River Trailhead to the junction with trail #1430, the Cow Creek Meadows Trail #1404, the Myrtle Lake Trail #1404A, the 45 Mile Drive Trail #1432, the Wilson Creek Trail #1231, the Larch Lakes Spur Trail #1430A, and the Larch Lakes Trail #1430 as depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A). **[36 CFR 261.55(a)]**
- B. Being on a Road.** For the purposes of this order it is prohibited to be on the Entiat River Valley Road #5100 from the gate at approximately mile post 31 to the Cottonwood/Entiat River Trailhead and North Fork Entiat Road #5606. **[36 CFR 261.54(e)]**
- C. Staying overnight in a campground.** For the purposes of this order it is prohibited to stay overnight at Fox Creek Campground, North Fork Campground, Spruce Grove Campground, Silver Falls Campground and Cottonwood Campground. **[36 CFR 261.58(e)]**
- D. To go into or be upon any area closed for the protection of public health or safety.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be in the Pope Creek Summer Home closure area on the Entiat Ranger District described as:

Starting from the gate on the 5100 road one half mile west, then south to 5605-125 road, east along the south side of the 5605-125 (road is open) to junction with 5605, then north to the 5100 road, west to the gate on the 5100 road (5100 road is open to gate).

All road and trail sections described above are closed for public use unless indicated otherwise.

The area, including multiple closed trails and campgrounds, is depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A).

This closure is effective as of **April 21, 2016** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1 Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
- 2 Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3 Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 21st day of April, 2016.

/s/ Michael R. Williams

MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS

Forest Supervisor

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Background: A closure order is necessary for public safety due to the post fire effects from the Duncan and Wolverine Fires. There is the potential for debris flows and flash flooding. Impacted trails do not meet the standard for public occupancy due to post fire effects. It is prudent to close specific areas, trails, and roads until the area is acceptable for public occupancy. This closure is based on recommendations from the District Ranger, the Wolverine/Duncan Burned Area Emergency Response Team, and law enforcement personnel.

Intent of Closure: To provide for public safety during the time that hazards remain from post fire effects associated with the Wolverine and Duncan Fires that burned during 2014 and 2015.

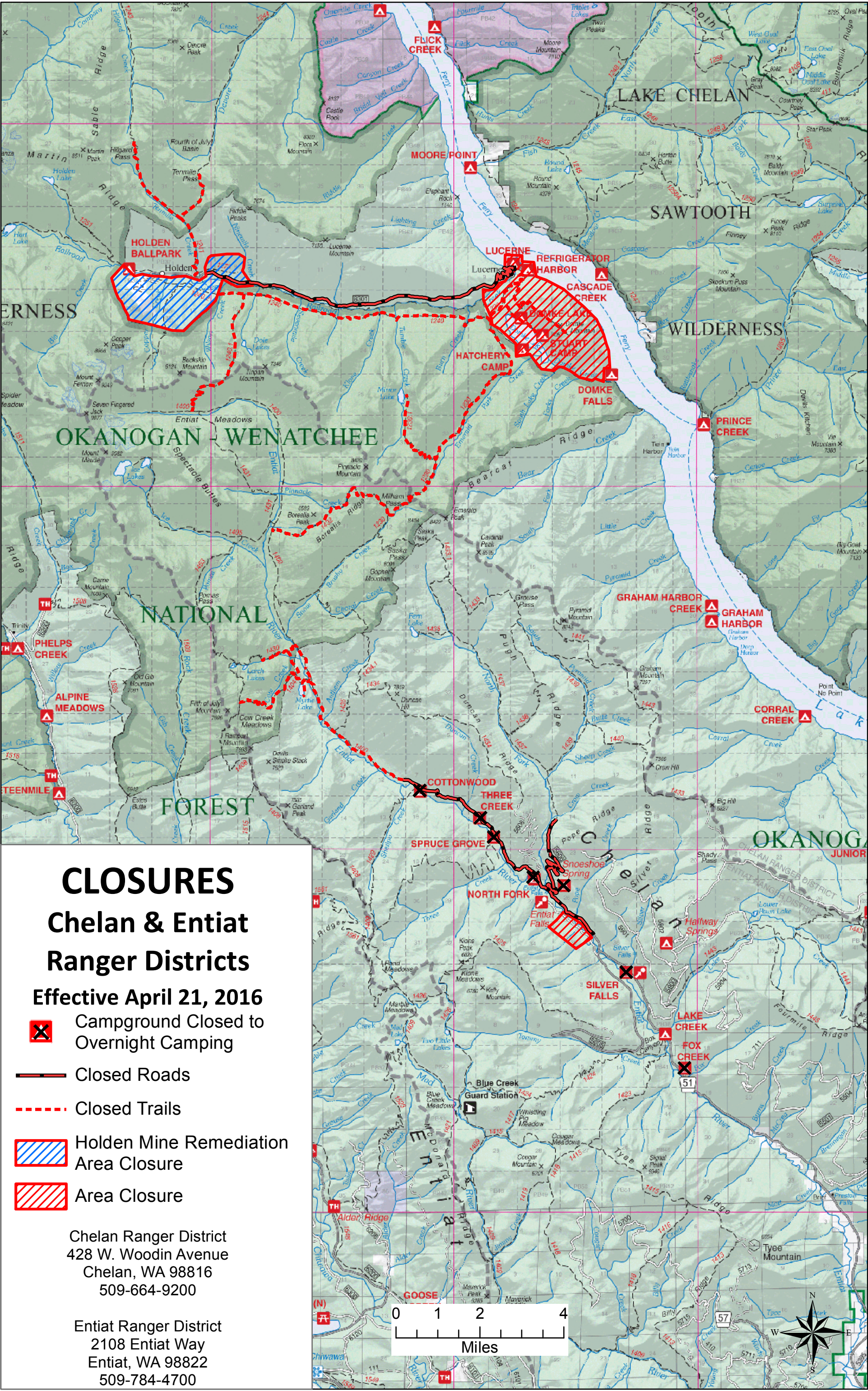
Enforcement Plan: The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Entiat District Ranger	4/18/2016
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post area with closure order	Fire and District Staff	

Implement actions for each specific application of the order including: appropriate postings, media contacts, patrols, and enforcement activities.

/s/ Michael R. Williams
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4/21/2016
Date



CLOSURES

Chelan & Entiat Ranger Districts

Effective April 21, 2016

Campground Closed to Overnight Camping

Closed Roads

Closed Trails

Holden Mine Remediation Area Closure

Area Closure

Chelan Ranger District
428 W. Woodin Avenue
Chelan, WA 98816
509-664-9200

Entiat Ranger District
2108 Entiat Way
Entiat, WA 98822
509-784-4700